



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017



September 2020

When: 7 p.m., Sept. 16

Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville

Speakers: Steve Petty and John Rieske

Topics: COVID-19 and 281 BC

September presentations

Two CONA members stepped up to answer a last-minute call for speakers this month.

A Tale of Three Kings

Some time in the Year 281 BC, a great battle was fought between two former comrades, Lysimachos, king of Thrace and Macedonia and Seleukos Nikator King over the bulk of Alexander the Great's Asian conquests.

History does not tell us where, exactly, in modern Turkey this battle occurred nor even what time of the year, but it pitted two massive armies, both using phalanxes trained under Alexander the Great, and both making use of elephants. In the end, they would face each other in hand to hand combat. One was 80 years old, the other 78.

Before the year was over, both would be slain. The first at the hand of his former friend, the other assassinated by the oldest son of another of Alexander's companions, Ptolemy Soter, the Pharaoh of Egypt: Ptolemy Keraunos: in an act of open treachery.

My presentation will touch upon three coins near the time of this battle; the first immediately before the battle, the second and third shortly thereafter. Each coin has a connection with one of these three men: all of whom had died by the sword. - **John Rieske**

Health and Safety

With many of the concerns regarding COVID-19, I thought it might be helpful as a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) with many years of testifying on exposure and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), to provide some information on concepts that may help you protect yourself. -- **Steve Petty**

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Got this pic on Saturday about 2:30 pm as the show was winding down - Lexa Petty, Steve Rayburn, Steve Petty and Charles Caldwell - Hard to see Steve Rayburn's mask. He had made about 50 with the Green Hat logo on each cheek. Really neat when worn with the green derby hat. A number of club members, including myself, didn't attend because of the COVID-19 virus but the ones who were there really did a great job. — Pete Miller

What a show!

Here's Patty Cass' initial report:

This Ohio State Coin Show was different from so many others, but the same in so many respects. Almost everyone followed the COVID-19 protocols. When attendees called to ask about whether the show was still going to be held, and if safety measures were being followed, I was able to put their fears at ease.

Stephen worked with the hotel maintenance man, Gaga, to open the ventilation system on the roof so that fresh air was circulating at all times. You could feel the difference in all the bourse areas. Another great health benefit. Thank you!

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Health and Safety continued

Steve's expertise was put to use in the preparation of our meeting room at Oakstone and the hotel ballroom where we held the show.

Curiously, a key can be found in Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's memoir, Steve says.

"The tent or the shelter of a tree is a better hospital than a house, whose wall absorb fetid and poisonous emanations, and then give them back to the atmosphere. To men accustomed to open air, who live on the plainest food, wounds seem to give less pain, and are attended with less danger to life than to ordinary soldiers in barracks."

Thus, stay outdoors, or maximize fresh air indoors, to provide the best opportunity to stay healthy.

This is what we did at the show – insisted all ventilation systems were at maximum fresh air capacity!

For email subscribers: Steve's PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Meeting details

We're going to try to make it as safe as possible, but be mindful, the disease is still out there. Today (Sept. 9) there were 286 new cases in Franklin County, 7 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.

The building has a constant supply of fresh air, with outside vents.

Location: Oakstone gym, a newer pre-engineered metal building west of the main building's entrance.

Directions: Drive down the entrance road until you get to the front of the main building, and turn right.

Seating: This is a gym with bleacher seating, so bring your own cushion or lawn chair.

Snacks: BYO. No drinks or snacks provided

Masks: Required in Ohio

Newsletter editor needed

Mindful of our age and health, my wife and I are limiting contact outside the family and will not be attending club functions until next year. Our hope right now is just to make it through to the vaccine without falling ill.

Because of that, CONA needs someone to take over putting out the newsletter and scheduling speakers.

If you're interested, please contact Spence. I'd be happy to answer any questions and facilitate the transition. - Gerry (gtebben@gmail.com)

What a show! continued

I am writing this on Sunday after the show and I have not had time to figure out any numbers yet. That report will come in October when I have had time to verify everything. I have heard from many of the dealers, however, so I will share some of their comments:

"Thanks for a great show, you put on one of the best productions around. Thank all your volunteers for me." And another, "I just want to say you guys put on a wonderful show – terrific job. You have one of the best clubs I've ever seen, especially helpful to dealers making us welcome. Keep up the good work. See you next year. I appreciate you all very much. Thanks again."

This came as a text to me: "Hi Patty. I just wanted to thank you for all your efforts and hard work. I had the best show I've had in years. I am really glad that you decided to have the show with all the issues going on. Thanks again and keep up the good work."

Quote from Lexa: "The dealers said the Green Hats were so respectful and attentive and again one of the greatest shows because of that."

Our sales representative, Samantha, from Embassy Suites was wonderful to work with and every staff member, from the manager on down, was incredibly helpful. There were a few glitches but we were all learning from this "Covid-19 experiment". We have paid the down payment for the 2021 show at Embassy Suites Dublin.

Wonderful job once again CONA Members! You are the heart and soul of the show. - **Patty Cass**

Who was that masked man?



Steve Rayburn had special CONA masks made up featuring our signature Green Hat and distributed them at the show. (I'm donating mine to the Ohio History Connection for its COVID-19 artifact collection.)-- Gerry

Patty Cass honored with ANA Presidential Award



ANA President Col. Steve Ellsworth presented the American Numismatic Association President's Award to Patty Cass during the show. It may be the first time a Columbus collector has received the prestigious award, which is presented for "dedicated service to our numismatic family."



Club auction

Send October lots to Steve Barnett - sbarnet5@columbus.rr.com - by Oct. 12

Columbus Coin Show

When: Sept. 20- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Makoy Center, Hilliard

Admission: CONA members get in free

Raffle

Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5; 13 for \$10

Christmas banquet

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Heritage Golf Club, same place as last year.

What the dealers are saying

When we started this show more than two decades ago, one of our goals was to make dealers comfortable. Over the years Green Hats have become known throughout the hobby for their hospitality.

Here are a few comments Patty received after this year's show

I think everything was great. Missed the bagels. (Vince Cavo)

The only suggestion that I think that I could make is that it would be nice to not have dealers set up in a "hall-way" type of deal. I was never really a fan of that. I would also like to see another show or two added. In my humble opinion, you guys put on a great show and it is one of my favorites to attend. Ohio is lacking quality shows and yours is about it anymore in terms of quality. I hope you guys consider adding maybe 1 or 2 more.

Best,
Mike
Great Lakes Coin

Thanks Patty I'm glad to do it (being a stop for the Treasure Hunt – my comment)

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I appreciate you all very much thanks again

David

Thanks for a great show, you put on one of the best productions around. Thank all your volunteers for me. Paul

Hi Patty. Dave from Executive Coin here. Congrats again on the Presidents Award. You really do a great job!!!! Know that it is appreciated.

I definitely plan on being there next time. Hoping that you can keep the show there. That was a better venue. Additionally I loved my table location and would greatly appreciate keeping that spot.

Have a good one.

Dave

Patty,

Thank you for all the hard work you did to make the show happen. So many clubs just don't feel the work is worth it and cancel their shows now. All your hard work is really appreciated.

Andrew Reiber

Patty, The Show was fantastic for me and even my wife was impressed. Venue was great and well lit and Green Hats, though fewer in number, it seemed, got it done. My only criticisms will be as follow:

1. Still a few people who were inside the hall not wearing masks and when challenged had to go to their cars- that means at registration they could not have had them on and should have been stopped by Green Hats or police before hitting the bourse;

2. One dealer consistently did not wear his mask on Thursday, he was set up across from David of Executive

3. I felt early birds or unknowns entered earlier than allowed making it impossible to setup. I had 6 people Thursday at 4:00 alone, enviable and desirable, but hard to control with 12 hands in the pot. Also, with only 1 chair in front no where to sit for them.

4. Like previous, if we can have at least 2 if not 3 chairs it will improve business for us. If I knew the customers, I let them use edge of my back table giving up my chair and wife's chair as needed. A lot of our collectors are old and can't stand or stoop. I realize distancing comes into play but if held to the letter, an 8' table means no more than 2 customers viewing and each of them would have to be at opposite ends which then encroaches

Overall a big thumbs up and kudos to you and the club.

Congrats on award. Aaron



Jim Belt and Loren Rittenhouse check in dealers on Thursday.